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"AN ACT CONCERNING LONG-TERM CARE INSURANCE PREMIUM RATE INCREASES."

1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and substitute the
2 following in lieu thereof:

3 "Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective January 1, 2019, and applicable to policies*
4 *delivered, issued or renewed on or after January 1, 2019*) (a) Beginning on
5 January 1, 2019, until December 31, 2029, there shall be imposed a
6 surcharge at the rate of twelve dollars on the named insured under
7 each policy of homeowners insurance delivered, issued for delivery,
8 renewed, amended or endorsed on or after January 1, 2019, for a
9 personal risk insurance policy on owned dwellings with four or fewer
10 units or on condominiums. Such surcharge shall not be considered
11 premium for any purpose.

12 (b) (1) Acting on behalf of, and as a collection agent of the Healthy
13 Homes Fund established pursuant to section 2 of this act, each
14 admitted and nonadmitted insurer shall remit to the Insurance

15 Commissioner, not later than the thirtieth day of April annually, all
16 surcharges imposed under subsection (a) of this section on the named
17 insured that were collected during the calendar year next preceding for
18 each such policy delivered, issued or renewed before January first of
19 the then current calendar year. Each such remittance shall include
20 documentation, in the form and manner prescribed by the
21 commissioner, to substantiate the total surcharge amount being
22 remitted by such insurer or licensee.

23 (2) All such remittances under subdivision (1) of this subsection,
24 except for the amount of remittances equal to the cost of funding an
25 administrative officer position at the Insurance Department to facilitate
26 the surcharge collection, shall be deposited in the Healthy Homes
27 Fund established in section 2 of this act. Not later than thirty days after
28 such deposit in the Healthy Homes Fund, eighty-five per cent of such
29 deposits shall be transferred to the Crumbling Foundations Assistance
30 Fund established in section 8-441 of the general statutes.

31 (3) The surcharge imposed pursuant to subsection (a) of this section
32 shall constitute a special purpose assessment for the purposes of
33 section 12-211 of the general statutes.

34 (c) The commissioner may adopt regulations, in accordance with
35 chapter 54 of the general statutes, to implement the provisions of this
36 section.

37 Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) (a) There is established an
38 account to be known as the "Healthy Homes Fund" which shall be a
39 separate, nonlapsing account within the General Fund. The account
40 shall contain any moneys required by law to be deposited in the
41 account. Moneys in the account shall be expended by the Department
42 of Housing for the purposes of:

43 (1) Funding of not more than one million dollars shall be remitted to
44 the Department of Economic and Community Development to be used
45 for grants-in-aid to homeowners with homes located in the immediate
46 vicinity of the West River in the Westville section of New Haven and

47 Woodbridge for structurally damaged homes due to subsidence and to
48 homeowners with homes abutting the Yale Golf Course in the
49 Westville section of New Haven for damage to such homes from water
50 infiltration or structural damage due to subsidence; and

51 (2) Funding a program, and any related administrative expense, to
52 reduce health and safety hazards in residential dwellings in
53 Connecticut, including, but not limited to, lead, radon and other
54 contaminants or conditions, through removal, remediation, abatement
55 and other appropriate methods. Ten per cent of the moneys in the
56 Healthy Homes Fund account shall be allocated for lead removal,
57 remediation and abatement and five per cent of the moneys in the
58 account shall be allocated for the removal, remediation and abatement
59 of all other contaminants. For purposes of this subdivision,
60 "administrative expense" means any administrative or other cost or
61 expense incurred by the Department of Housing in carrying out the
62 provisions of this section, including, but not limited to the hiring of
63 necessary employees and entering into necessary contracts.

64 (b) The Department of Housing shall notify the Department of
65 Public Health not later than thirty days after the deposit of remittances
66 in the Healthy Homes Fund pursuant to subdivision (2) of subsection
67 (b) of section 1 of this act. Not later than thirty days after the deposit of
68 remittances pursuant to subdivision (2) of subsection (b) of section 1 of
69 this act, the Department of Public Health shall notify each municipal
70 health department in the state annually regarding funds available
71 pursuant to the Healthy Homes Fund established pursuant to
72 subsection (a) of this section.

73 (c) Not later than January 1, 2020, and annually thereafter, the
74 Commissioner of Housing shall report to the joint standing committees
75 of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to
76 housing, planning and development and appropriations and the
77 budgets of state agencies, in accordance with section 11-4a of the
78 general statutes, regarding the status of the Healthy Homes Fund
79 established pursuant to this section and all moneys deposited into and

- 80 expended by the Department of Housing pursuant to said account.
81 Any such report may be submitted electronically."

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>January 1, 2019, and applicable to policies delivered, issued or renewed on or after January 1, 2019</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>from passage</i>	New section